

New Supervisor Orientation
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MSFC Chief Counsel's Office:
Supporting the Marshall Mission

CATEGORIES OF SERVICE PROVIDED

- Legal Advice
- Ethics Determinations & Guidance
- Legal Representation (Litigation)
- Patent Prosecution

SUBJECT AREAS

Contracts and Agreements

- Procurement Contracts
 - SEB/SEC Legal Advisors
 - Protests
 - Contract Claims
- Cooperative Agreements
- Grants
- Space Act Agreements



SUBJECT AREAS

General Law

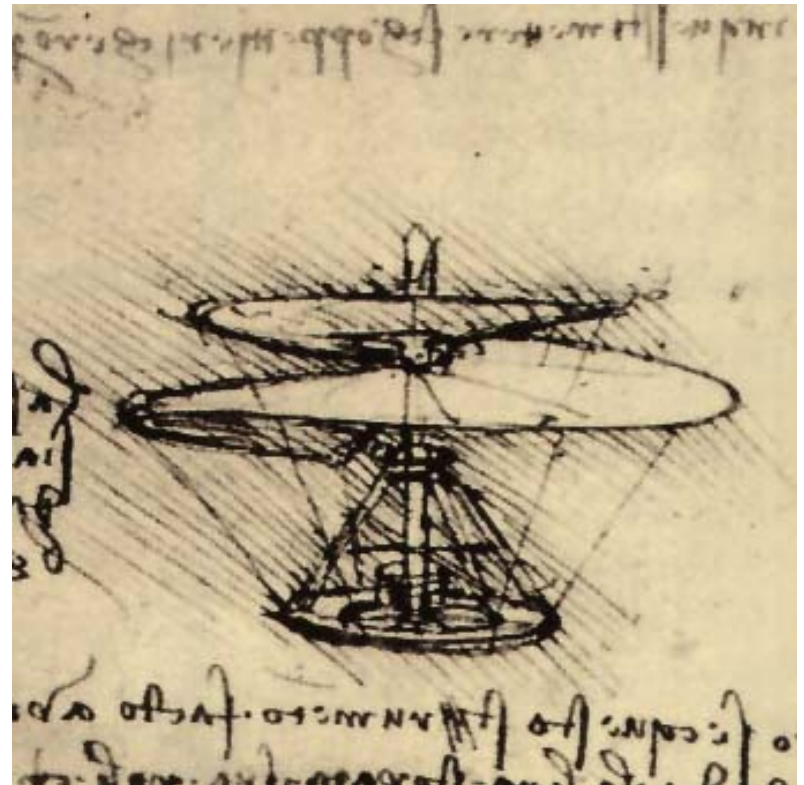
- Personnel/Labor Law
- Discrimination Cases
- Ethics
- Environmental Law
- Freedom of Information Act
- Fiscal (Appropriations) Law
- Tort Claims
- Aircraft Requests



SUBJECT AREAS

Intellectual Property

- Patents
 - Patent Prosecution
 - Infringement
- Licensing
- Data Rights
- Copyrights
- Export Control



How Can We Help?

- *Finding the best legal way forward: “yes, if ...”*
- *Helping navigate legal and regulatory mazes (including application of “case law”).*
- *Ensuring freedom to manage by supporting personnel and procurement actions*
- *Protecting NASA’s rights to intellectual property and inventors’ opportunities for awards and royalties.*
- *Practicing “preventive medicine” - protecting programs and employees from regulatory ‘troubles’ if we are informed/asked before actions taken*

Standards of Conduct for Federal Employees

- *Basic Obligations of Public Service*
- *Conflict of Interest Statutes/Impartiality in Performing Official Duties*
- *Gifts: from Outside Sources; between Employees*
- *Misuse of Position*
- *Outside Activities*

Our Commitment

- *Provide timely and accurate legal guidance.*
- *Find legal alternatives to help you meet your legitimate objectives.*
- *Aggressively defend program/leadership decisions (while being open to win/win resolutions/settlements).*
- *Apply the NASA values - safety, teamwork, integrity and mission success - in our day-to-day activities.*

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